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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

THE BABYLON BEE, LLC, AND KELLY
CHANG RICKERT,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROB BONTA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Civil No. 2:24-cv-02787-JAM-CKD

**STIPULATION AND ORDER re
Kohls Preliminary Injunction
(ECF No. 45)**

Judge: John A. Mendez

STIPULATION

1. Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert filed this suit on September 30, 2024, in the Central District of California, and sought a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction to enjoin Defendants California Attorney General Rob Bonta and Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber from enforcing AB 2839 (Cal. Elec. Code § 20012) against them. See Pls.' App. for TRO or Mot. Prelim. Inj., ECF No. 12.

2. On October 2, 2024, this Court facially enjoined Defendants from enforcing AB 2839 in a related case. Order, *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 24-cv-02527 (E.D. Cal., Oct. 2, 2024), ECF No. 14.

3. This case was subsequently transferred to the Eastern District of California and assigned to this Court. All parties have agreed to consolidate this case with *Kohls v. Bonta* in a separate stipulation filed concurrently with this Court.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereby STIPULATE that:

4. The preliminary injunction ordered on October 2 (*Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 24-cv-2527, ECF No. 14) applies to Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert by the order's plain language.

DATED: October 22, 2024

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ORDER ON INJUNCTION

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10 Before the Court is Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert, and
11 Defendants Robert A. Bonta and Shirley N. Weber's joint stipulation that this Court's
12 previous Order enjoining Defendants from enforcing AB 2839 in *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-
13 cv-02527-JAM-CKD, ECF No. 14, extends to Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly
14 Chang Rickert.

15 The Court thus hereby **ORDERS** that the injunction in *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-
16 cv-02527-JAM-CKD, applies to Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert
17 by that order's plain language.

18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 Dated: October 24, 2024

/s/ John A. Mendez

21 THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ
22 SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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